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it with the business. So I...at this point anyway, I stand up in support of the IPP motion. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Kruse, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'll be very brief. I've been listening to all of the discussion, and I have yet to hear one wisp of evidence that this is a threat to right to work. I have talked to a lot of those persons who sent in the cards, or the ones who've given their phone numbers, and they've called in, and not one of them had any wisp of evidence, except that somebody...they got a letter from somebody, and in most cases it was national. I would hope that we can focus on the question here. We are a right-to-work state. It's in our constitution. There's been no evidence that it's in conflict with our constitution, which...in which case it would outlaw it anyway. Constitution stands. I would urge that we give support to the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Smith. I'm sorry. Senator Redfield. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. The Nebraska Constitution stands. It stands if we pass LB 226; it stands if we don't. LB 226 doesn't touch our constitution, because we can't. Statute doesn't trump; the constitution trumps. And it doesn't say anything contrary. fact, the amendment that you passed quotes our constitution, and the article specifically, to say that it's not in conflict. that's not an issue here. What is the problem? What are the We're hearing about concerns about problems we're hearing? whether in fact unions are going out and having exclusive bargaining rights for people. Well, let me tell you where that was created. That was created back in the 1930s at the federal level. We didn't do it. The people who did it are probably dead, but they're certainly out of power. And the reality is that we cannot fix the faults of that law here on our floor. We don't have the power, as a state, to correct the National Federal Relations Act...Labor Relations Act. We can't fix it here. If you want to fix it, what you're going to have to do is